

SPN NBS

C. 2003

Mr. John Neal Hoover, Exec. Dir.  
St Louis Mercantile Library  
Univ. of Missouri at St Louis  
8001 Natural Bridge Rd 63121-2499

Date

Dear John

We received your ~~to~~ September 2, 2003 letter and know that the move can be accomplished accordingly. We will pay for any moving costs we arrange for.

We are naturally disappointed that our mutual goals were not achieved during the many years we worked together. When the adjacent UMSL parking garage lower level was suggested as a Mercantile library/museum complex we spent \$3,000 for layout renderings. When the UMSL Communications Building became available and we selected by UMSL as a better location for the museum complex we arranged for ~~\$~~ \$35,000 to be paid to UMSL to cover initial planning costs and pledged \$1,000,000 to be used to remodel that facility. When that project did not proceed after extensive planning we worked on a money museum possibility within the Mercantile library space. A huge amount of work was devoted over the years by both of our organizations to those projects. Tom Surfass, our curator, has done work for the ~~the~~ Mercantile library for many years, including services on the reference desk on an average of two days per week at 4½ hours per day. We also gave you the bulk of the Stadler book collection which we <sup>recently</sup> purchased.

These comments are merely to make clear that we have earnestly tried to do our part for mutual educational goals.

Sincerely,

Books to Charlie Davis

EFNNES

Mr. John Hooper, director  
Mercantile Library of St. Louis

UMSL

Natural Bridge Rd  
St. Louis, MO 63110

Date

Dear John:

We (EFNNES) are writing you to make a record of an arrangement made between ~~the~~ Mercantile and EFNNES, both not-for-profit Missouri educational organizations.

When Ms. Frances Stadler died in ~~2001~~ we were recommended as potential purchasers of her book collection. We ~~were~~ met with Ernest Stadler, her widower, at their Waterman Avenue residence in St. Louis and ~~had~~ an overview of about 1000 books. The collection contained not only Missouri and St. Louis subject matter, but a Civil War group, ~~a~~ a large Western American (including Native American) literature and some loose Harper's Weekly segments. The requested price for all the ~~books~~ items was \$3,000.00. I asked for permission to write you to examine the items and in a few days we met you ~~there~~. You particularly liked the Western American group which ~~consisted of~~ ~~several~~ <sup>pieces</sup> hundred. You said you would ~~not~~ want any other parts of the library which EFNNES did not wish to ~~keep~~. You suggested that Mercantile had some duplicates in fields of interest of EFNNES to help ~~out~~ exchange. (14)

EFNNES paid the \$3,000.00 on October 17, 2001 as requested. Mercantile took all of the Western American pieces, the Civil War items and whatever EFNNES did not select of the Missouri and St. Louis items. ~~Much more~~ ~~amount~~ ~~of~~ ~~most~~ of the Missouri and St. Louis material.

In due course you wanted EFNNES to examine an area of books in the vault at UMSL to pick out some books in the EFNNES fields of interest for the exchange. The list will be attached to this letter.

It was a pleasure to work with the Mercantile in this matter.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society

By

Eric P. Newman

